

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9 (cancelled).

10. (currently amended) An observation optical system comprising:

an objective optical part which forms an image of an object, and has a first lens unit with a negative power and a second lens unit with a positive power arranged from an object side in the order named, said second lens unit being capable of moving in a direction including a component perpendicular to an optical axis to stabilize an image;

an image inverting prism part which converts an image formed by said objective optical part into an erect image; and

an eyepiece optical part which guides the erect image converted by said image inverting part to an observer.~~A system according to claim 1,~~ wherein letting β be a magnification of said second lens unit, an antivibration sensitivity S_i of said second lens unit satisfies a condition defined by

$$|S_i| = |1 - \beta| > 1.$$

Claim 11 (cancelled).